

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the original first line, amend the first paragraph as follows:

This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/405,645, filed on April 3, 2003, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/095,581, filed March 13, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,701,411, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/468,327, filed on December 21, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,542,961. This application is related to U.S. Serial No. 10/095,578, filed March 13, 2002.

Page 5, the second full paragraph (lines 19-25), the marked up paragraph is as follows:

In the embodiment of this invention, the disk storage system has a managing processor connecting to the switch. The managing processor ~~sets~~ transfers the structural information to the switch in order to store the structural information in the configuration table of each node according to the operator's instructions. Information for limiting access from the computer is contained in this structural information.

Pages 21 and 22, the paragraph bridging these pages from page 21, line 23 to page 22, line 12, the marked up paragraph is as follows:

In the diskarray switch 20, the communications controller 204 acquires the setup information and ~~sets~~ distributes the structural information such as the address space information for each of the diskarray subsets 10 by means of the MP200. The MP200 distributes the structural information of the diskarray subset 10 to the each of the host I/F nodes 203 and the diskarray I/F nodes 202 by way of the crossbar switch 201. When the nodes 202 and 203 receive this information, the SP2021 stored this structural information in the DCT2027. In the diskarray subset 10, the diskarray subset configuration manager (means) 106 acquires the setup information and stores it in the shared memory 102. The host MPU1010 and the lower MPU 1030 refer to this setup information in the shared memory 102 and perform configuration management.

Page 35, lines 9-14, the marked up paragraph is as follows:

The diskarray system configuration manager (means) 70 communicates with the communication controller 106 of the diskarray subset 10 as well as the communication means 204 of the diskarray switch 20 and acquires or ~~sets~~ transfers structural information of the diskarray subsets 10 and the diskarray switches 20.

Pages 36 and 37, the paragraph bridging these pages from page 36, line 15 to page 37, line 6, the marked up paragraph is as follows:

The administrator operates the management console 5, communicates with the diskarray system configuration manager 70 and acquires information such as the number of disk units, and disk capacity of the diskarray subset 10, and performs setting of the LU110 of the diskarray subset 10 and setting of the RAID level. Next, the administrator communicates with the diskarray system configuration manager 70 from the management console 5, controls the diskarray switch 20 and ~~sets~~ performs setting of related information among the host 30 and the diskarray subsets 10. This operation establishes the structure of the diskarray system 1 and allows LU1 to be seen

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as the administrator wishes, from the host 30. The diskarray system configuration manager 70 saves the above setting information, verifies the configuration according operation by the administrator and performs changes in the structure (configuration).